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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: L. Nguyen  
HIROTO OKAWARA )  
: Group Art Unit: 2612  
Application No.: 08/877,728 )  
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Filed: June 18, 1997 )  
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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS ) July 1, 2002  
: (Monday)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

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Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the period for responding to the Official Action January 29, 2002, for two months, from April 29, 2002, to June 29, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 11, 12 and 38 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 to 7, 9, 10, 13 to 18, 22, 26 to 30, 34, 40 to 42, 44 and 48 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1 to 7, 9, 10, 13 to 18, 22, 26 to